



## Issue 3, Volume 1

As of December 31, 2013:

- ⇒ KHIE has **560** signed participation agreements (representing 1,212 locations)
- ⇒ A total of **581** [provider locations](#) are submitting [live data](#) and exchanging information
- ⇒ 80% of hospitals in KY are live on KHIE
- ⇒ Over **\$144,000,000** has been paid to Medicaid hospitals and providers in KY, through the EHR Incentive Program
- ⇒ KHIE is averaging over **100,000** queries per week

## Welcome to the 2014 New Year, and the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Newsletter!



Governor Steve Beshear issued an Executive Order in August 2009, establishing the Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to oversee the advancement of health information exchange in Kentucky.

KHIE continues to build its robust health information exchange and allows providers to access the right information at the right time in order to make the right decisions. KHIE also fulfills several objectives for Stages 1 and 2 of the EHR Incentive Program, Meaningful Use. Overall, the KHIE works to fulfill the three-part aim: better care, lower costs, improved public health.

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- ⇒ KHIE has begun working with the Local Health Departments and now has 48 signed Participation Agreements, representing 98 counties in Kentucky?

# Did You Know?

# A Message from the State Health IT Coordinator:

## Polly Mullins-Bentley



Greetings and Happy New Year from the KY Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information!

I am pleased to share with you our first newsletter of 2014. I cannot think of a more exciting time for the healthcare industry as a whole. Although 2013 was full of change and exciting new initiatives, 2014 will mark the beginning of a transformed healthcare delivery system. As we begin the New Year, I want to observe some key points in regards to the health information exchange, interoperability, and

Meaningful Use (MU).

The onset of 2014 denotes the start of MU Stage 2, as well as other new requirements. Stage 2 and the changes in 2014 (regardless of stage) come well-equipped with their own set of challenges and risks. In 2014, and Stage 2, providers and hospitals must meet more robust requirements and additional measures. Most notably, providers must upgrade their electronic health record systems (EHRs) to 2014 certified versions. In order to receive incentive payments and attest to the program as a Meaningful User, all eligible providers and hospitals participating in the federal Electronic Health Record Incentive Program, must update their certified EHR technology (CEHRT) to the 2014 version.

Public health reporting also becomes more demanding in that providers must submit data on an ongoing basis. Given that KHIE serves as the Public Health Authority for public health reporting (for MU) in the state of KY, the ongoing submission of public health data is required in 2014 from an upgraded CEHRT. To learn your EHR status, please check with your vendor as soon as possible.

KHIE continues to work with our providers to become interoperable across the Commonwealth and beyond state lines. KHIE strives to build a more robust health information exchange for the state of Kentucky, and strives to provide you with the right information at the point of care, ultimately to improve patient outcomes.

I am honored and truly blessed to represent a state so heavily engaged in patient-centered care and the advancement of health information technology and interoperability. Thank you again for all of your hard work this past year—you represent the state well. Please feel free to peruse this newsletter and find topics of interest including, Medicaid Topics of the Month, an explanation of KHIE's Master Patient Index and the importance of data integrity. We look forward to working with you in this NEW year and onward!

Sincerely,

*Polly*

Polly Mullins-Bentley, RN, RHIT, CPHQ

# **Medicaid Pointers of the Month**

## *Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program*

### **Eligibility:**

- Verify with Provider enrollment that the provider has a valid contract with Kentucky Medicaid
- In order to qualify for the reduced patient volume threshold when attesting as a pediatrician, the provider must be licensed as a Physician and Board Certified as a Pediatrician. Verify with KY Medicaid Provider Enrollment the provider is appropriately enrolled as such. In order to update the providers enrollment submit a statement signed by the provider requesting to add the specialty along with a copy of the board certification.

### **Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT) & MU:**

- Syndromic Surveillance is not a valid public health reporting option if attesting to a meaningful use reporting period prior to 04/01/2013.
- Make sure your CEHRT documentation is uploaded and attached, even if you were paid for a previous year.
- Public Health reporting measures to meet Meaningful Use in any Stage can only be met by having a signed Participation Agreement along with the appropriate signed addendum with KHIE.

### **Volume:**

- When attesting as a group—all providers in the group who are attesting in the same payment year, must use the same data and patient volume data.

### **Resources:**

- Use the Home Page on the attestation website for announcements, progress of attestation review, Stages of Meaningful Use, and to begin the next attestation period.
- KY Medicaid EHR Incentive website <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/EHR.htm>.

### **Reminder:**

- Eligible Professionals have until 12:00 midnight 3/31/2014 to submit attestations for Program Year 2013.

# **Master Patient Index & Data Integrity**



## **What is a Master Patient Index?**

A Master Patient Index is a database that an organization maintains to record all the patients who have ever been admitted or treated. If it is shared by two or more care centers, it may be called an enterprise master patient index (EMPI), enterprise patient index, corporate person index (CPI), or multi-facility index. The MPI database at KHIE contains information from providers across the state as well as Medicaid data.

## **Why does data integrity matter to KHIE?**

As you can imagine, it is quite a task to manage all of this patient information. Thus, our goal is to ensure data integrity for our providers by receiving the most accurate data from providers. For example, it is important for KHIE to receive full legal names on patients while it may be easy to identify a patient by a nickname in a smaller facility it becomes much more difficult on the state level where there may be many patients with the same nickname. Providing accurate date of birth and Social Security Numbers also assist in building a more accurate MPI.

## **What should I do at my organization?**

KHIE would like to work closely with staff in the HIM department in your facility as they tend to have experience and insight regarding these issues. KHIE encourages providers to get members of their HIM departments and other affected departments involved.

## **The Community Health Record:**

### *Enables Secure Access to Complete Patient Data*

***Now, providers have a powerful tool to assist them in the care of their patients.***

KHIE's Community Record, the Virtual Health Record (VHR), is a comprehensive electronic health record that is available using a secure browser. Patient data from across the entire Health Information Exchange (HIE) is "virtually" retrieved and displayed to authorized users.

The VHR presents much like a traditional clinical chart, with tabs to segregate patient information into clinically relevant groups for easy chart review. The VHR includes patient admission records, discharge summaries, visit records, medication history, problem lists, allergies, the results of all tests and exams ordered by clinicians, and any encounter notes, referrals and orders that exchange participants are willing to share with other health care providers in the HIE. Patient information stored anywhere in the HIE can be made available to the VHR, regardless of the type of Information System or EMR employed at each source.

The VHR puts the power of information and collaboration in the hands of the clinician—enabling more accurate diagnosis, faster and more effective treatment, and better outcomes for the patient. Imagine the usefulness in an ER, or with a brand new patient visit, and/or in remote caregiving settings!

#### **Benefits of the Community VHR**

- 1.View of consolidated patient data including problems, encounters, tests and procedures, and medication lists
- 2.Mimics familiar paper chart
- 3.Improves the timeliness and accuracy of patient care
- 4.Speeds care assessment
- 5.Entirely web-based—all that is needed is a secure browser

KHIE's last VHR training was held on January 6, 2014, with Family Health Centers, Inc., in Louisville, KY.



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Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Dear Valued Client, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Office of Nati...

### 2013 eHealth Summit

The 2013 eHealth Summit was held Sept. 17, 2013 at the Sloan Convention Center, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green, KY.

[Read all about it.](#)

### Connected Providers



[Select a county from the map to find out who is connected.](#)

### Contact Us

Are you a health care provider, hospital or other organization ready to connect to KHIE? Do you have questions, comments or need more information about the program? [Fill out this form to contact KHIE.](#)

### KHIE History

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